

# November 6, 2012 General Election Calendar

**Wednesday, July 25**

**Judges' Filing Deadline**

[§46.20](#)

Last day for judges standing for retention to file a declaration of candidacy with the Secretary of State (SOS).

**Monday, July 30**

**State & Federal Candidate Filing Begins**

[§44.4\(1\)](#), [§45.4](#)

This is the first day for nonpartisan and third party candidates and candidates nominated by petition for state and federal offices to file [nomination petitions and affidavits of candidacy](#) with the SOS.

**Federal Offices Open** ([SOS links to candidate guides, nomination petitions & affidavits](#))

U.S. President (and Vice President): One seat (4-year term)

U.S. Representative: All seats (2-year terms) Story County is in the [4<sup>th</sup> Congressional District](#)

(There will not be a U.S. Senate race on the ballot in 2012.)

**State Legislative Offices Open**

State Senate: Even numbered districts only (4-year terms)

One (1) seat in Story County: District [24](#)

State Representative: All 100 seats, statewide (2-year terms)

Four (4) seats in Story County: Districts [45](#), [46](#), [48](#), [49](#)

**Monday, August 6**

**County Candidate Filing Begins**

[§44.4\(1\)](#), [§45.4](#)

This is the first day for nonpartisan candidates and candidates nominated by petition for county offices to file [nomination papers and affidavits of candidacy](#) in the county auditor's office.

**County Offices Open** ([SOS links to candidate guides, nomination petitions & affidavits](#))

Auditor (4-year term). 250 signatures.

Sheriff (4-year term). 250 signatures.

Supervisor: One (1) seat (4-year term). 250 signatures.

Agricultural Extension Council Member: Four (4) seats (4-year terms). 25 signatures from the extension district

County Public Hospital Trustee: Two (2) seats (6-year terms). 50 signatures

Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioner: Three (3) seats (4-year terms). 25 signatures with only one (1) member per township

Township Official: All townships, one (1) trustee seat (4-year term); three townships have an additional trustee seat open where appointments were made to fill an unexpired term (2-year terms); two townships have an additional clerk seats open where appointments were made to fill an unexpired term (2-year terms). Candidates file an affidavit of candidacy only.

**Wednesday, August 8**

**Submarine Ballots Available**

[§53.45\(1\)\(b\)](#)

First day for [UOCAVA voters](#) who will be outside the continental United States and unable to vote and return a regular absentee ballot by normal mail delivery within the time provided to request a special absentee ballot.

**Thursday, August 9**

**Vacancy Deadline – State & Federal**

[§43.6\(1\)](#), [§43.77\(4\)](#), [§43.78\(1\)](#)

Vacancies in state and federal offices occurring 89 or more days before the General Election must go on the General Election ballot.

**Thursday, August 9**

**Withdrawal Deadline – State & Federal**

[§43.76\(1\)](#)

The last day for **candidates who were nominated at the Primary Election** to withdraw. Notice must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of State.

**Friday, August 17**

**Filing Deadline - State & Federal**

[§43.78\(2\)](#), [§44.4\(1\)](#), [§45.4](#)

This is the last day for candidates for state and federal offices to file [nomination papers](#) with the SOS. This includes non-party political organizations candidates nominated by petition and Democratic and Republican parties' nominations to fill ballot vacancies. **The deadline is 5:00 p.m.**

**Friday, August 24**

**Withdrawal Deadline – State & Federal**

[§44.9\(1\)](#), [§45.4](#)

The last day for **nonparty candidates** who filed papers with the SOS to withdraw. Notice must be submitted in writing.

**Friday, August 24**

**Objection Deadline – State & Federal**

[§44.4\(2\)\(a\)\(1\)](#)

This is the last day to file written objections to nomination papers filed with the SOS.

**Friday, August 24**

**Substitution Deadline – State & Federal**

[§44.11](#)

This is the last day for **nonparty political organizations** to replace candidates who withdrew, died or were found ineligible for state and federal offices.

**Friday, August 24**

**Withdrawal Deadline – County**

[§43.76\(2\)](#)

This is the last day that candidates for county office who were nominated in the Primary Election to withdraw. Notice must be submitted in writing to the County Auditor.

**Friday, August 24**

**Vacancy Deadline – County**

[§43.77\(5\)\(b\)](#), [§43.78\(1\)](#),  
[§69.14A\(1\)\(b\)\(2\)](#)

If a midterm vacancy in a county office occurs on or before August 24 and no special election is called to fill the vacancy, the office must be on the ballot to fill vacancy at the general election. Political party nominations must be made by convention.

**Monday, August 27-Thursday, August 30**

[Republican National Convention](#)-Tampa, FL

<b>Tuesday, August 28</b>	<b>Proxy Requests Begin</b>	<a href="#"><u>§53.40(1)(b)</u></a>
First day for family members of <a href="#"><u>UOCAVA voters</u></a> to submit proxy absentee ballot request forms.		
<b>Tuesday, August 28</b>	<b>Filing Deadline-Special Election to Fill City Vacancy</b>	<a href="#"><u>IAC 721—21.404(2)</u></a>
This is the last day to file <a href="#"><u>nomination papers</u></a> with the city clerk to fill a city vacancy at a special election held with the general election. <b>The deadline is 5:00 p.m.</b>		
<b>Wednesday, August 29</b>	<b>Filing Deadline – County Candidates</b>	<a href="#"><u>§43.78(3)</u></a> , <a href="#"><u>§44.4(1)</u></a> , <a href="#"><u>§45.4</u></a>
This is the last day for candidates for county offices to file <a href="#"><u>nomination papers</u></a> in the Office of the County Auditor. This includes nonparty political organizations candidates nominated by petition and Democratic and Republican parties' nominations to fill ballot vacancies. <b>The deadline is 5:00 p.m.</b>		
<b>Wednesday, August 29</b>	<b>City Vacancy Nominations Delivered</b>	<a href="#"><u>IAC 721—21.404(2)</u></a>
City clerks to deliver all <a href="#"><u>nomination papers</u></a> to be included on the general election ballot for a special election to fill city vacancies being held with the general election to the County Auditor. <b>The deadline is 5:00 p.m.</b>		
<b>Wednesday, August 29</b>	<b>Nominations Certified to the County Auditor</b>	<a href="#"><u>§43.73</u></a> , <a href="#"><u>§46.21</u></a>
This is the last day for the SOS to certify candidates' names for the general election ballot to the County Auditor. <b>The deadline is 5:00 p.m.</b>		
<b>Thursday, August 30</b>	<b>Draw Names for Non-Partisan Office Ballot Order</b>	<a href="#"><u>§49.31(2)(c)</u></a>
County Auditor draws the names of candidates for County Hospital Trustee, Soil and Water Commissioner, Agricultural Extension Council, and Township Offices to determine the order in which the names of those candidates will appear on the general election ballot.		
<b>Monday, September 3</b>	<b>Labor Day – County Offices Closed</b>	
<b>Monday, September 3 – Thursday, September 6</b>	<b><a href="#"><u>Democratic National Convention</u></a>—Charlotte, NC</b>	
<b>Tuesday, September 4</b>	<b>Withdrawal Deadline – County</b>	<a href="#"><u>§44.9(2)</u></a> , <a href="#"><u>§45.4</u></a>
The last day for nonparty candidates and candidates nominated by petition who have filed nomination papers with the County Auditor to withdraw. Notice must be submitted in writing to the County Auditor.		
<b>Tuesday, September 4</b>	<b>Objection Deadline – County</b>	<a href="#"><u>§44.4(2)(a)(2)</u></a>
This is the last day to file written objections to nomination petitions filed with the County Auditor. <b>The deadline is 5:00 p.m.</b>		
<b>Tuesday, September 4</b>	<b>Substitution Deadline – County</b>	<a href="#"><u>§44.11</u></a>
This is the last day for nonparty political organizations to replace candidates who withdrew, died or were found ineligible for county office.		
<b>Friday, September 7</b>	<b>Proclamation by Governor</b>	<a href="#"><u>§49A.7</u></a>
Governor to issue a proclamation for any proposed amendments to the constitution to be included on the general election ballot. There will be no constitutional amendments on the 2012 ballot.		
<b>Thursday, September 20</b>	<b>Deadline – Satellite Voting Petitions</b>	<a href="#"><u>§53.11(2)(a)</u></a> , <a href="#"><u>§53.11(5)</u></a>
A petition (minimum 100 signatures) requesting a <a href="#"><u>satellite absentee voting</u></a> station must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. today. At least seven days before the first day of a satellite, the County Auditor must notify the political parties' chairpersons of the date, time, and location of a satellite so the parties may appoint observers.		
<b>Saturday, September 22</b>	<b>UOCAVA Absentee Ballots Must Be Ready</b>	<a href="#"><u>§53.8(1)</u></a> , <a href="#"><u>§53.39(2)</u></a> , <a href="#"><u>§53.40(2)</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>UOCAVA</u></a> absentee ballots must be ready to mail 45 days before the election. Regular absentee ballots must be mailed as soon as they are ready.		
<b>Thursday, September 27</b>	<b>Absentee Ballots Must Be Ready</b>	<a href="#"><u>§53.10</u></a> , <a href="#"><u>§53.18(2)</u></a>
This is the first day that absentee voting will be available in the County Auditor's Office. Auditors must review all affidavits upon receipt.		
<b>Sunday, October 7</b>	<b>Last day to publish</b>	<a href="#"><u>§49.11(2)</u></a>
Last day to publish third in a series of notices of changes in precinct boundaries made since November 2010.		
<b>Tuesday, October 16</b>	<b>No Elections May Be Held Today</b>	<a href="#"><u>§39.2(1)(a)</u></a>
<b>Monday, October 22</b>	<b>Worry-free Postmark Date</b>	<a href="#"><u>§48A.9(3)</u></a>
Correctly completed voter registration forms postmarked by today are considered on time even if received after 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 27.		
<b>Tuesday, October 23</b>	<b>No Elections May Be Held Today</b>	<a href="#"><u>§39.2(1)(a)</u></a>
<b>Tuesday, October 23</b>	<b>Health Care Facility Delivery</b>	<a href="#"><u>§53.22(1)(a)</u></a>
Teams may resume delivery of absentee ballots to residents and patients of <a href="#"><u>health care facilities</u></a> .		

**Saturday, October 27**                      **Voter Pre-Registration Deadline**                      [§48A.9\(1\)](#), [§48A.7A\(3\)](#)  
All voter registration forms must be received by the Auditor no later than 5:00 p.m. unless postmarked on or before October 22. The Auditor’s Office must be open 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**NOTE:** After 5:00 p.m. on October 27, a person may register to vote at the County Auditor’s Office or at a satellite absentee voting station and vote an absentee ballot. The process is the same as for registering to vote on Election Day. The voter must show ID.

**Tuesday, October 30**                      **No Elections May Be Held Today**                      [§39.2\(1\)\(a\)](#)

**Friday, November 2**                      **Deadline – Absentee Ballot by Mail Request**                      [§53.2\(1\)\(b\)](#)  
This is the deadline to request that an absentee ballot for the general election be mailed to the voter. Requests must be received no later than 5:00 p.m.

**Saturday, November 3**                      **Auditor’s Office Open for Absentee Voting—  
Last day of Affidavit Review**                      [§47.2\(5\)](#), [§53.18\(2\)](#)  
The County Auditor’s Office must be open for at least eight hours for absentee voting and other election business.  
**The County Auditor’s Office will be open 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.** This is the last day for the County Auditor to review absentee affidavits that are received by 5:00 p.m.

**Saturday, November 3 –  
5 p.m. on Election Day**                      **Voters Admitted to Healthcare Facilities**                      [§53.22\(2\)](#)  
Voters admitted to [hospitals or nursing homes](#) after 12:00 a.m. November 3 may call to request delivery of an absentee ballot. The deadline to call the Auditor’s Office is 5:00 p.m. on Election Day (Tuesday, November 6).

**Monday, November 5**                      **Last Day for In-Person Absentee Voting—  
Last Day to Fix Incomplete Affidavits**                      [§53.2](#), [§53.18\(2\)](#)  
This is the last day to vote by absentee ballot in person at the Auditor’s Office. Absentee voting is available in the Auditor’s Office until the normal close of business at 5:00 p.m. Voters have until 5:00 p.m. to fix incomplete affidavit envelopes.

**Tuesday, November 6**                      **General Election**                      [§39.1](#), [§49.73](#), [§48A.7A](#)  
Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Vote at regular polling places.

- Absentee ballot requests are delivered to hospitals and care centers for voters admitted within three days of the election.
- Special Board counts absentee ballots.
- Absentee ballots may be returned to Auditor’s Office (NOT to a polling place) until the close of polls at 9:00 p.m.
- Iowa Law permits [Same Day Registration](#).
- Electronic or faxed requests matched up with original absentee requests. Deadline to receive originals is close of polls at 9:00 p.m.

**Thursday, November 8**                      **Provisional Ballots Considered**                      [§50.20](#), [§50.21](#), [§50.22](#)  
The number of provisional ballots cast in each precinct will be posted by 9:00 a.m. The Special Board will reconvene no earlier than 12 noon to begin to consider the provisional ballots and absentee ballots that were postmarked on or before Monday, November 5.

**\*\*Monday, November 12**                      **Deadline – Absentee Ballots--Veteran’s Day  
– County Holiday**                      [§53.17\(2\)](#)  
Absentee ballots postmarked on or before November 5<sup>th</sup> must be received in the Auditor’s Office by 12 noon. Special Board reconvenes to consider absentee ballots. \*\*Office closed, this deadline moves to next business day, Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Tuesday, November 13**                      **No Elections May Be Held Today**                      [§39.2\(1\)\(a\)](#)

**Wednesday, November 14**                      **County Canvass of Votes**                      [§50.24](#)  
The Board of Supervisors meets at 3:00 p.m. to canvass the election.

**Monday, November 19**                      **Recount Deadline**                      [§50.48\(1\)\(a\)](#)  
This is the last day for recount requests to be filed with the County Auditor.

**Tuesday, November 20**                      **No Elections May Be Held Today**                      [§39.2\(1\)\(a\)](#)

**Thursday, November 22 –  
Friday, November 23**                      **Thanksgiving – County Holiday**

**Tuesday, November 27**                      **No Elections May Be Held Today**                      [§39.2\(1\)\(a\)](#)

**Monday, December 3**                      **State Canvass of Votes**                      [§50.38](#)  
The state canvass of votes must be completed for all offices.